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EAST GERMANY MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR AIR FORCE;
REPORTS EAST GERMAN-POLISH DEFENSE PACT

The East German Ministry for Industry reports that in preparation for the establishment of its own air force and civil aviation, the Dessau Aircraft Factory, which formerly produced Junker aircraft, has received an order to build four passenger aircraft.

It is also reported that all East German meteorological services, including all observatories, meteorological stations, and institutes for evaluating meteorological data, have been centralized.

Central air schools have been opened by the Free German Youth in all five Laender of East Germany, with participation restricted to members of the People's Police.

PACT NEGOTIATIONS SECRET -- Stockholm Morgon Tidningen, 8 Sep 50

Berlin, 7 September -- East Germany and Poland have held negotiations on a secret mutual military assistance pact in the event of an attack, it is reported in the West Berlin newspaper *Deutsche*. The negotiations will be kept secret from the East German populace for a while yet, as opinion is not yet considered ripe for such a pact with Poland, the newspaper reports.

PEOPLE'S POLICE IN SOVIET TANK MANEUVERS -- Buenos Aires Argentinisches Tageblatt,
30 Aug 50

Soviet tank units have been carrying out extensive tank maneuvers in Sachsen recently, and a night movement of 60 T-34 tanks caused uneasiness among the populace of Leipzig-Stoetteritz. Eyewitnesses report that in addition to Soviet soldiers, they noticed People's Policemen among the tank crews.

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According to estimates made by illegal border-crossers, the Soviets have concentrated approximately 70,000 troops in the Letzlinger Heide (heath) near Hillersleben. Since spring 1950, extensive maneuvers have been carried out in this area, which is about 50 kilometers from the Nieder-Sachsen zonal border.

PEOPLE'S POLICE TO INCREASE UNITS -- Zuerich Die Tat, 17 Jul 50

In a secret conference of People's Police chiefs in East Berlin, it was decided, reportedly, to effect a 50-percent increase of the Political Police units of the State Security Police. Infantry units of the People's Police are to be expanded 40 percent, artillery units 20 percent, and the armored group 20 percent. A 30-percent increase of the Aviation Unit (lufttechnische Gruppe) and a 10-percent increase of coast guard patrols have also been demanded.

It is assumed that the monthly budget of the East German police will rise from 90 to 150 million Deutsche marks as a result of these measures.

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